



The Alabama Fatherhood Initiative – AFI Quarterly Newsletter

Supporting Alabama's Deployed Military Parents

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The 2nd Alabama Conference on Fatherhood was held in Birmingham on June 8-10. It was a great event with over 400 participants! Read what others are saying about the Conference:

"Please accept my sincere appreciation to everyone that worked so hard to put together the 2005 Fatherhood Conference. It was a resounding success. The keynote speakers were top quality folks! They had something to say and said it well. The workshops were exceptional. My only regret is that I could not attend them all. Networking was also very rewarding. I met several individuals that I will be contacting."

Sincerely,

Jim Davis

Calhoun Baptist Association

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Featured Fatherhood Programs in This Issue

Last quarter we featured TeamFocus, a Mobile-based program for fatherless boys. This quarter the "spotlight" is on the Alabama National Guard Family Readiness Program and the Christian Men's Job Corps, a "new" fatherhood program starting up in Calhoun County.

The Alabama National Guard Family Readiness Program

The National Guard Family Readiness Program was established to facilitate ongoing communications, involvement, and support between families and the Alabama National Guard. Sergeant Major Hubert Chance directs the program and is assisted by Technical Sergeant Billie A. Ivey. The Family Readiness Program is a strong supporter of fatherhood services and actively participated in the 2nd Alabama Conference on Fatherhood.

"Every Boy and Girl is a Blessing"

Quote from the 2nd Alabama Conference on Fatherhood

A New Calhoun County Job Corps

"Christian Men's Job Corps"

A guest speaker at the Calhoun County Fatherhood Initiative was **Jim Davis**, Site Coordinator for the Christian Men's Job Corps (CMJC) and Associate Director of Church and Community Missions for the **Calhoun Baptist Association's**. What makes this new organization is different, Jim put it this way, "CMJC is a faith-based organization that addresses the total man; spiritually, physically, emotionally, and educationally." He went on to say that CMJC is organized to provide a means for "men to help themselves." One-on-one mentoring is a key element of the CMJC program.

Participants in CMJC will experience a new direction in life through the support of a mentor, involvement in Bible study, and an opportunity to grow through life and job skills training. This faith-based ministry to men will utilize the resource of the community network to provide a broad range of opportunities to meet each man's needs. Alabama Fatherhood Initiative (AFI) will be one of the organizations partnering with CMJC.

CMJC believes that strong, healthy relationships provide an environment for building character and courage. **CMJC seeks to empower men to realize their dreams.** Jim's vision is to have CMJC fully operational by the end of the year. Contact Jim Davis, Christian Men's Job Corps, at 1130 Woodstock Avenue, Anniston, Alabama 36207; or by telephone at **(256) 237-5171**, by Fax:

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